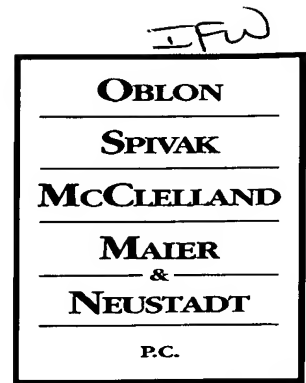




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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 4, 2007, Applicants
provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, Claims 11-14.

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